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**Townsville Table Tennis Association**

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## **TIGERS TALES**

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### **Newsletter**

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The following is a summary of the events that took place at TTTA and elsewhere in the Table Tennis World during October 2025.

### **Around the Club**

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Thanks to those who gave a couple of hours of their time to the Sausage Sizzle on the 19<sup>th</sup>, It returned a good financial result for the club.

Unfortunately, the Sausage Sizzle that was to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled, due to the club being unable to provide sufficient volunteers to fill the short one or two hour shifts. Very disappointing.

All players and spectators need to be reminded of the Strategic and Operations Manual – Section 11 – **Code of Behaviour**.

There are several players, encompassing all sessions, including Social Seniors, Tuesday Afternoon Senior Training, Wednesday Evening Fixtures and Sunday Tournaments, who feel it is satisfactory to use the “F”-bomb or similar, kick tables, or deliberately hit the table surface with the bat.

This rule applies to all members of the club, irrespective of position or membership category.

Everyone needs to reflect on their own behaviour to ensure it matches the standards the club expects.

### **National Veterans – Moreton Bay- 18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October**

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We had 10 Townsville players representing Queensland and Presidents teams attend the National Veterans at the Pine Rivers Stadium.

Brisbane turned up the heat by mid-week and forced the Referees to introduce Best of 3 matches for the Round Robin Individual events.

Pine Rivers is a fantastic venue, only let down by no Air Conditioning.

All Townsville Player Results at the end of the Newsletter. Fantastic results from all.

### **TTA Tour Canberra – Tuggernong – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> October**

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During the week prior to the Canberra tour event, Townsville junior members Taleisha Gaeta and Manasee Sivayoganathan spent some time training at Table Tennis Collective with George Logothetis, before competing in the last leg of the TTA Tour for the year in Canberra.

Both Taleisha and Manasee enjoyed the training, gaining valuable experience.

Both girls also played some great matches in the TTA Tour, with Taleisha winning a national

silver medal in the under 17 Girls singles and reaching the semi-final in the under 19 Girls singles, as well as being a quarter finalist in the U21 Women's.

Well done girls. Keep training and playing and the results will keep coming.

### ***31<sup>st</sup> International Masters – Antalya – Turkey – 28<sup>th</sup> Sept/4<sup>th</sup> Oct***

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Harry Bligh travelled to Turkey with good mate Mick Wright to play in the 31<sup>st</sup> Antalya Masters in the O80's.

Harry went down to a Hungarian ex National player in the Quarter final stage 3-0, but 11-9 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mick played the same Hungarian in the Semi Final and won 3-1.

Mick then had to play a Czech player in the final, finally taking Silver

Harry had the same Czech in the Group stage where he went down 3-2 but had a chance when up 8-6 in the 5<sup>th</sup>.

If my Turkish is up to scratch, Harry also partnered with a German player to take a Bronze in the O80 doubles

### ***Upcoming Tournaments and Events***

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Townsville Closed and Aged – November 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup>

Queensland Open – Moreton Bay – November 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup>

TTTA AGM and Annual Presentation – December 7<sup>th</sup> - venue Centenary Hotel

For all event dates, check TTQ website or our own Calendar at [Calendar and Events - Townsville Table Tennis](#)

### ***Sausage Sizzles***

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We have the following dates locked in for Fundraising at Fairfield Waters.

30<sup>th</sup> Nov

If you are available to give an Hour or 2 to assist with the sausage sizzles, please contact the Secretary at

[coordinator@townsvilletabletennis.org.au](mailto:coordinator@townsvilletabletennis.org.au)

### ***Trivia***

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Discussing the price of precious metals the other day, I thought it would be interesting to chart the rise.

Prices are \$AU for One Troy Ounce

	Jan 2020	Oct 2025
Gold	\$2375	\$6400
Silver	\$26.40	\$76.24
Platinum	\$1402	\$2462

That's all for this edition, until next month.

### ***The Tigers Tail***

#### ***National Veterans Tournament Results***

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##### **Teams:**

O30 Women – Jeraine Sebastian – Gold

O40 Women – Pippa-louise Trass – Silver

O65 Women – Therese Chappell - Gold

O40 Men – Safwat Boktour – Silver

O40 Men – Vankat Vangaveti – Silver

O80 Men – Harry Bligh - Bronze

O30 Men's Peter Besnard 5<sup>th</sup>

O70 Men – John Sherriff – 4<sup>th</sup>

##### **Individual:**

Men's Doubles – Harry Bligh & Kerry McGeehan (NZ) - Bronze

Mixed Doubles – John Sherriff & Linda Towler – Semi-finalist

O30 Men – Venkat Vangaveti – Rd16

O40 Men – Venkat Vangaveti – Q/finalist

O30 Women - Pippa-louise Trass – Rd16

O40 Women - Pippa-louise Trass – Rd16

O60 Women – Therese Chappell – Rd16

O65 Women – Therese Chappell – Rd16

O65 Men – John Sherriff – Rd16

O70 Men – John Sherriff – Rd16

O80 Men – Harry Bligh – Q/finalist

**Order of Merit:**

O40 Women – Pippa-louise Trass	2
O40 Men – Safwat Boktour	10
O65 Women – Therese Chappell	4
O70 Men - John Sherriff	5
O80 Men – Harry Bligh	5